



# Measham C of E News

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

# WELCOME BACK!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! This is the first newsletter of the new academic year here at Measham CE. I trust that you all kept safe, had a good summer break and enjoyed the lovely weather we have had over the last few weeks! It is wonderful to see the children back at school, smiling and as excited as we all are for the year ahead. A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers, all the children have looked smart and ready to learn (please name all

clothing). It was particularly good to see those children who have not been into school since March. The children have been so sensible and are quickly learning the new rules and routines to keep everyone safe. I would like to say a very warm welcome to our new children and their families; we have some new children starting in Key Stage 1 and 2 as well as 30 new children beginning their Measham journey in EYFS this year. I would also like to welcome Miss Nicholls-Sykes to our teaching team. She is working in Year 1 and I know that she has thoroughly enjoyed her first week. Mr Barrass left with very short notice to take up the opportunity to teach on the Isles of Scilly. Miss Tinkler has also temporarily left our teaching team to have her first child. She is due in October and we wish her well and look forward to meeting their new addition.

## Wet Weather

Please remember to send your children to school with a raincoat each day, even if the weather is nice in the morning, there is a slightly longer walk around the one-way system. We do also try to get the children outside at playtime and lunchtime to ensure they get fresh air and a break, even if it's drizzling!

## Timings

Thank you so much for your patience at drop off and collection times, our system is working really well, despite the wet weather. Please stick to your timings, particularly after school; it is not helpful to arrive too early as it is confusing for staff releasing children. Remember that the measures at the start and end of the day are to protect you, your families and our staff.

## PE and Forest School

On PE days we ask that the children come to school in their outdoor PE kit instead of their school uniform. We suggest black joggers/leggings/shorts with their white PE t-shirt and their school jumper or cardigan. Trainers can be worn.

**Y5 & Y6** will do PE on **WEDNESDAY**

**Y3 & Y4** will do PE on **TUESDAY**

**Y1 & Y2** will do PE on **THURSDAY**

**Year 4** are doing Forest School this term on **THURSDAY** so please come to school dressed in suitable outdoor clothing with wellies for outside and a change of clothes for wearing inside school.

On these PE and Forest School days, the children do not need to bring their school uniform with them.

## Items from home

We are trying to reduce the amount of items coming into school from home so please could we ask that the children in Y5/6 do not bring in pencil cases and unfortunately we would also prefer that sweets or similar are not brought in to share with their class during this pandemic. Thank you for your co-operation.

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## Lunch

The cost of a school lunch is now £2.30. Please pay online and if you need your password reset, call the office. Year 3 are now not eligible for a universal school meal but if you think that your child qualifies for free school meals, please ring us and we will sort out the details.

## Reading books

We will be sending home reading books. We will be changing books on a Monday and a Thursday and when the books get returned to school on these days, they will then be quarantined before we return them to the shelves for a different child to borrow. Please do not ask staff to change them any more frequently or on a different day.

## Online Safety

We appreciate that during lockdown and these past tough few months, some children have spent more time online. Please could I encourage parents to monitor their child's messages on phones, playstations, etc to check that what they are sending/receiving is kind and appropriate.

## Illness

We have had a few phone calls from parents saying that their children have runny noses and asking if they need to be kept at home. Children only need to be kept at home if they are unwell or if they have Covid Symptoms. (New, persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell)

## What should I do if my child (or someone in my house) has a new, persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell?

You can complete the NHS online check (<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>)

- If you or your child presents with any of the Covid symptoms you must book a test
- Children must not come into school if they have these symptoms, and will be sent home to self-isolate if they develop symptoms in school

We ask that parents inform us **immediately** of the results of a test

- If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
- If someone tests positive, they should follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

In addition, if you or your child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus you must stay at home (self-isolate) for 14 days from the day you were last in contact with the person – it can take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear.

If you have any questions about this please phone school or email [office@measham.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@measham.leics.sch.uk)

Regards,



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